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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On September 6, 2005, at approximately 11:35pm, San Antonio Police Detectives Tony Arcuri, a 13-year veteran, Richard Funk, a 17-year veteran, Ernest Trevino, a 12-year veteran and several other Repeat Offender Program (ROP) detectives responded to the Home Depot parking lot, located at Sunset and US 281N for a possible "hostage being held for ransom call". Detectives were told by a female that her son was being held against his will and that she was communicating with the suspects, who were threatening to kill her son unless money was left in the Home Depot parking lot. Although detectives asked the female not to leave any money and to allow them to conduct an investigation, the mother insisted on leaving money for the suspects. Before ROP detectives were able to properly establish surveillance, the suspects drove into the Home Depot parking lot and took the money left by the mother. The suspects then left the parking lot with ROP detectives following. As the ROP detectives were trying to maintain surveillance of the suspect car, the suspects began to fire several gunshots towards the detectives. The shots were fired towards detectives as the suspects traveled on several San Antonio streets, specifically in the area of N. Walters and IH 35N. When the suspect vehicle entered the Sutton Homes, Bethune St and Runnels Ave, it stopped again, at which point one suspect exited the suspect car and continued to fire shots towards the detectives. Detective Arcuri engaged the suspect and fired several gunshots, but was unable to strike the suspect. The suspect continued running and was later apprehended inside an apartment. Detective Richard Funk, who was following the suspects in the surveillance, was stuck on his leg by the suspects gun fire and drove himself to BAMC for emergency medical attention. Detective Funk's injury is not believed to be life threatening and he is still being treated at BAMC.

After dropping off the one suspect, the suspect vehicle continued to evade officers and traveled to the area of Gabriel St. and N. Gevers St, at which point the suspect vehicle stopped. Another male then exited the car and began to flee on foot. Detective Trevino exited his vehicle and began to chase that male. Detective Trevino reports that he could not see the male's hands and due to the gunshots, feared the male to be armed and fired several times towards the male. The male was subsequently struck by Detective Trevino's gunfire and was later found to be the reported hostage. That male was transported to BAMC and is currently being treated for his injuries.



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After stopping at Gabriel St & N. Gevers St, the suspect car continued to flee the scene with one Black male driver and has not been located. Police are currently looking for the suspect car, which is described as a dark Blue Buick, license plate # 383-DGP. The facts pertaining to the reported hostage situation is being investigated and its findings will be released as information becomes available. What is currently known is that the reported hostage set up a drug transaction for the suspects and that he was taken hostage when the “deal” didn’t go correctly.

The identity of the one suspect in custody will be withheld pending formal charges of Attempt Capital Murder.

The San Antonio Police Department’s shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney’s Office. As per policy, Detective Trevino will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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